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In re Application of:

Masahiro YAMAMOTO

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed June 3, 2004, the period for response to which extends through September 3, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Attachments** include a Request for Correction of Inventorship under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.48(a).